DE0201E Judiciary Board of Public Works

Capital Budget Summary

Summary of State-owned Projects Funded in Governor's Request (\$ in Millions)

Project Title	Prior Approp.	FY 2014 Request	Future Estimated	Estimated Total	DLS FY 2014 Recommd.
	T				
St. Mary's County District Court	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.300
Total	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.300

Fund Source	Prior Approp.	FY 2014 Request	Future Estimated	Estimated Total	DLS FY 2014 Recommd.
GO Bond	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.300
Total	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.300

GO: general obligation

Summary of Recommended Bond Actions

 Judiciary St. Mary's County District Court and Multi-Service Center Concur with Governor's Allowance.

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Capital Improvement Program

State-owned Capital Improvement Program (\$ in Millions)

Projects	Prior Auth.	2014 Request	2015 Est.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.	Beyond CIP
St. Mary's County District							
Court	\$0.000	\$0.300	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Catonsville District Court	4.600	0.000	0.000	1.950	25.600	25.400	0.000
Court of Appeals ADA							
Improvements	0.340	0.000	3.650	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	\$4.940	\$0.300	\$3.650	\$1.950	\$25.600	\$25.400	\$0.000
	Prior	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Beyond
Fund Source	Auth.	Request	Est.	Est.	Est.	Est.	ČIP
GO Bonds	\$4.940	\$0.300	\$3.650	\$1.950	\$25.600	\$25.400	\$0.000
Total	\$4.940	\$0.300	\$3.650	\$1.950	\$25.600	\$25.400	\$0.000

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

GO: general obligation

Budget Overview

The fiscal 2014 allowance includes \$0.3 million in general obligation (GO) bonds for the acquisition of 6.64 acres of land where the Carter State Office building is located in St. Mary's County. The Carter State Office building houses the St. Mary's County District Court and the Multi-Service Center.

The State is in the process of acquiring the title to the Carter State Office Building, which was constructed by the St. Mary's County Building Authority Commission through a capital lease agreement in 1988. The final payment for the lease agreement is due on June 1, 2013, which will transfer ownership of the Carter State Office building over to the State from St. Mary's County. The Department of General Services (DGS) will fund the final lease payment through its operating budget.

The State also entered into a ground lease agreement with the county, which includes an option to acquire the land. Although the State is not required to purchase the land, the State would be a tenant subject to the ground lease beginning in fiscal 2014. If the land is not acquired by the end of the ground lease, the Carter State Office building will be automatically transferred over to the county. Acquiring the land in fiscal 2014 will ensure that the State owns the property shortly after they take ownership of the building.

The \$300,000 will fund the acquisition of the property, negotiated at \$245,900, and ancillary costs including property surveys, closing costs, and title work.

Summary of Other Projects in the Capital Improvement Program

The 2013 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) includes two other projects for the Judiciary. These are the Catonsville District Court and the Court of Appeals improvements projects.

The new Catonsville District Court would replace the existing facility with a 73,975 net square foot seven-courtroom facility that would also house offices for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) Parole and Probation and DPSCS Drinking and Driving Monitoring Program, the Department of Juvenile Services, and DGS. The 2012 CIP included \$2.25 million in GO bonds for the planning of the Catonsville District Court project. After a lengthy property acquisition process, which was somewhat complicated by the statutory requirement that a court facility be located within the Catonsville area, the State authorized preliminary design funds in the fiscal 2012 capital budget. The Governor's fiscal 2013 capital budget proposed additional design authorizations that would have funded design through 100% construction documents. This funding, however, was reduced to provide only the funds necessary to complete design through the schematic document phase to better align the entire design phase with the planned construction phase, which was not programmed for funding until fiscal 2017 and 2018. The 2013 CIP programs the remaining design funds in fiscal 2016, which is consistent with the planned fiscal 2017 and 2018 construction funding.

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The Court of Appeals project would renovate the Court of Appeals building to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and security deficiencies. The scope will include renovating the main lobby, expanding the security queuing space, and constructing an approximate 20-space parking deck for judges and disabled visitors. Funding for the construction phase of the Court of Appeals ADA project is deferred in the 2013 CIP from fiscal 2014 to 2015. This is due to delays in the procurement of a design contract by DGS for the project.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1.	Approve \$300,000	in	general	obligation	bonds	for	the	St.	Mary's	District	Court	and	the
	Multi-Service Cente	er.											